

WASTED JOURNEY FOR SUPPORTERS

MANY Wycombe Wanderers followers had a wasted journey on Saturday when they arrived at Slough for the Blues Berks and Bucks Senior Cup quarter-final tie.

The match was called off at 2 pm by match referee Ernie Tilley from Shrivenham. A local referee was called in during the morning to inspect the pitch and Wycombe officials were informed that the match was in doubt. However, a final decision was not made until Mr Tilley arrived.

He decided that the pitch was too dangerous. Apparently, half of the surface was still hard from frost while the other half was soft.

The decision came too late to stop many Wycombe supporters from making the journey.

The Senior Cup tie will now be played this Saturday at Wexham Park — weather permitting. This means that Wanderers scheduled Isthmian League fixture at home to Hitchin Town has been postponed as County Cups take preference.

NO JOKE

The re-arranged fixture robs the Blues of their first home match on a Saturday since December 10 when they played Hungerford in the last round of the Senior Cup. And with Wycombe away to Goole in the next round of the Trophy on February 4, it brings the

total to a staggering nine weeks since the Blues last staged a home match on a Saturday.

Although Wanderers have a home tie in the League Cup tonight (Tuesday) against Staines, the joke about Wycombe supporters needing a compass and route map to find Loakes Park again is wearing a bit thin.

The draw for the semi-finals of the County Cup, incidentally, will be made after the game at Slough next Saturday.

The weather wiped out all the other Senior Cup matches. The much awaited local derby between Amersham Town and Chalfont St Peter, was called off in the morning although there was no snow or frost on the pitch.

Wanderers at full strength

PAUL BIRDSEYE, who injured a shoulder against Bridgend last week, is expected to return to the Wycombe Wanderers side tonight (Tuesday) when they entertain Staines Town in the first round of the Hitachi Isthmian League Cup at Loakes Park.

Wanderers are expected to be at full strength for their first outing in the new League Cup competition which is being sponsored by Hitachi. The Japanese Electrical Company have put in £6,000.

The Blues have already beaten Staines twice in the Isthmian League. They won 3-1 at Wheatsheaf Lane early in the season and followed that by winning 4-0 at Loakes Park, one of their best performances of the season.

Staines, who drew 2-2 at Tooting on Saturday in the league, have introduced two youngsters to their side recently, both products of their youth team. Kevin

Fiddler has taken the place of Peter Shaw at centre back while Eamon Manners has come in at left back. Shaw, incidentally, is now with Charlton.

Goole lose

GOOLE Town, Wycombe's opponents in the second round of the F.A. Trophy on February 4, went down 3-2 at Mossley on Saturday in a Northern Premier League fixture. Goole hit the woodwork before Mossley raced into a 3-0 lead, but two goals in the last 20 minutes were not enough to share the points.